

Public Works Committee Meeting

September 15, 2016

Minutes

Called to Order: @4:30 p.m. by Trustee Addington

Present: Mayor Ron Gunter, Trustee Bruce Barker, Trustee Linda Liddle, Trustee Jim Addington, Trustee Marie Guzzo, Village Manager Steve May, Finance Director Spencer Parker, Community Development Director Jill Ziegler, Public Works Director Mike Ramsey, Village Engineer Noriel Noriega, Public Works Supervisor Virgil Viscuso, Public Works Foreman Jon Yeater, Police Chief Jim Gunther, Clerk Jinny Szymiski, Public Works Supervisor Jim Cates, Fire Chief Dave Weiss, Deputy Fire Chief Steve Riley.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from 7/14/2016 were approved.

Unfinished Business:

- A. An update was given by Finance Director Parker regarding a new water rate schedule. Public Works Director Ramsey discussed the outcome of the water rate study with a brief history of the water rate increases. He showed the committee the pass through coinciding with the Dupage Water Commission. Dupage Water raised 88 cents and the Village was losing 17 cents with that increase. This hinders the capability to cover the cost of Capital Improvements. An increase of \$1.25 would be able to cover the costs of Capital Improvement Projects. The revenue would be \$8.9 million over the next five years to fund projects. There is also concern regarding a new water tower with a possible increase of population on the north side of town. Water usage is down due to more efficient plumbing fixtures. Trustee Barker suggested when publishing new water rates, to be sure to show what capital needs have to be met. Finance Director Parker brought up possibly doing increases with the city of Chicago as to not have to do such a drastic increase every couple of years. There also are different rate structures in place for commercial and residential. There may be an elimination of the \$5.00 administrative fee and the water rate would be \$9.97 for every thousand used as opposed to \$9.72. The heavy users of water would have about a 25 percent increase over the course of the year. Trustee Addington would like to see comparables with other communities and see what their fee structure is like. The increase would be for January 1st.
- B. Director Ramsey presented to the committee the proposal for the new Public Works Facility. There were multiple sites proposed with 55th St. and Wilmette being one of them. The fleet maintenance garage would be housed out of this facility with the main building being at the Water Division. The two existing sites being used is option one. Option two would be down by the golf course off of 67th St. There are nine acres on this site but county is not offering the land. Trustee Liddle questioned the issue with the gas pumps at the Street Division. The soil will need to be remediated. For both sites, the cost is predicted around 10 to 15 million dollars. Brief discussion took place regarding the golf course land and the availability.
- C. There is an interest to put in a bike lane along Chestnut Avenue. This would eliminate parking along this area near the PRC. There is currently not any progress with this project.

New Business:

- A. The property just south of the Fire Station at 6101 S. Cass Ave. is currently trying to be purchased by the Village for a stormwater management project.

Reports:

Public Works Director:

1. The State is working with the IEPA regarding lead regulations in the school districts. The municipalities are responsible for testing at the schools and the school will be responsible for the cost of the test, not labor and materials. A lead sample is \$100 and every device water comes from need to be tested. If high levels come back, they have 30 days to remediate the problem. Manager May pointed out the Village's involvement in being proactive with preventing lead issues and the AWWA has noted the involvement that Director Ramsey has had across the area with active participation in the association.
2. The Moblelite Cell Towers would like to install 130 foot cell towers in the Village. Director Ramsey is meeting with Attorney Zemenak to discuss options for this. By law, the company can put up these towers anywhere.

Street Division:

1. Foreman Yeater updated the committee on the storm sewer maintenance program. Currently, 9000 linear feet of sewer lines have been jetted. Over 100 basins in the southwest intown area have been cleaned out. Many sinkholes have been repaired. Oakwood is on hold as the sewers are deeper and larger lines. There will be grading occurring in the upcoming weeks. The budget process will be the time to discuss larger projects.
2. The downtown tree lighting project is beginning. There are trees along Quincy St. with different styles of wrapping lights to see which is the best way and look for the downtown area. There is an electrical issue as for the number of lights to be used.

Water Division:

1. Supervisor Cates updated the group on the E. Richmond watermain project. The remaining project items are restoration of the roadway and the parkway. The main is complete. Next week the restoration should begin.

Engineering Division:

1. Village Engineer Noriega gave an update with the alley project. The project is on schedule but ran into a problem with contaminated soil. The complaints regarding garbage and lack of parking have subsided.
2. Storm sewer projects are underway in the engineering phase. The Naperville and Warwick project is about 60 percent complete. Linden and Norfolk has phase one completed. Richmond and Grant is beginning phase one engineering with a proposal being produced. The 400 block of N. Warwick is getting a proposal for phase two engineering.

Facilities:

1. The fire station generator has been replaced at headquarters. The generator will be ready as soon as the electrician gets there to hook it up.
2. The fence at 500 N. Cass Ave. has been replaced which has helped with the aesthetics of the property.

Fleet Maintenance:

1. Supervisor Viscuso stated the above ground lift is in and fully functional.
2. There are seven items to be declared surplus for auction, five vehicles and two pieces of equipment, which will be on an upcoming board meeting.

Miscellaneous:

1. Director Ramsey ordered kid novelty hats to hand out at functions to promote public works.

Meeting motioned to adjourn at 5:51 p.m. by Trustee Liddle, seconded by Clerk Szyski.